

HOUSE BILL No. 1039

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-18.5-6.

Synopsis: Purple Heart license plate. Allows the surviving spouse of a Purple Heart recipient to obtain or retain a Purple Heart specialty license plate.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-18.5-6-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,
2 SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. (a) The bureau shall design a
4 license plate that will designate a vehicle as being registered to:
5 (1) an individual; or
6 (2) **the surviving spouse of an individual;**
7 who has been awarded a Purple Heart decoration.
8 (b) Upon proper application, the bureau may modify a license plate
9 designed under subsection (a) to designate a vehicle as being registered
10 to an individual who is:
11 (1) described in subsection (a); and
12 (2) eligible to be issued:
13 (A) a placard under IC 9-14-5 (before its repeal) or
14 IC 9-18.5-8; or
15 (B) a person with a disability registration plate under
16 IC 9-18.5-8.
17 (c) An individual who:



1 (1) knowingly; or
2 (2) intentionally;
3 falsely professes to have the qualifications to obtain a license plate
4 under subsection (b) commits a Class C misdemeanor.
5 (d) An individual who owns a vehicle bearing a license plate issued
6 under subsection (b) and knows that the individual is not entitled to a
7 license plate issued under subsection (b) commits a Class C
8 misdemeanor.
9 SECTION 2. IC 9-18.5-6-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.198-2016,
10 SECTION 327, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 2. An Indiana resident who:
12 **(1)** is a recipient of; **or**
13 **(2) is the surviving spouse of a recipient of;**
14 a Purple Heart decoration may apply for and receive one (1) or more
15 Purple Heart plates.

